

LAST EDITION.  
THE PLOT THICKENSPresident Cotterill Wanted Home  
to Explain Things.And What's This Story About  
Woodworth, Who Is Dead?A Dressmaker Exposes the Friends'  
"Electric Process."The Sugar Conspirators Said to Be  
in Canada at Present.

The return of W. H. Cotterill, President of the now practically defunct Electric Sugar-Refining Company, from Ann Arbor, Mich., is now anxiously awaited by his friends in this city who want him to explain a few unpleasant stories about himself and his past career.

J. U. Robertson, Treasurer of the Electric Sugar-Refining Company, turned pale when an EVENING WORLD reporter showed him at 60 Wall street this morning this clipping from a morning paper, dated July 29, 1876:

THE FLIGHT OF A LAWYER.

His Clients Deceased and His Large Family Heartily Abandoned.

Mr. William Henry Cotterill, of London, who had enjoyed an unimpaired reputation, and numbered among his clients many great mercantile houses, came to New York about five years ago and opened an office at 31 Nassau street, and his European reputation, his knowledge of mercantile law and his familiarity with the practice of British courts won for him a goodly array of clients—English merchants, widows, orphans and others having claims originating abroad. Then Mr. Cotterill enlarged the sphere of his operations and undertook the investment of money belonging to his clients.

Within the past five weeks, still he satisfactorily explained away his absence, saying that he had urgent business in Boston and elsewhere. One of his most confidential clients, who had given him charge of \$22,000 for reinvestment, was a Major Patterson, formerly of the British army, who had retired from the service and come to America to find a home for himself and his aged mother. Distrusting the lawyer, Mr. Cotterill had been to Boston and found him. Cotterill apologized gracefully, and said he would return to New York at once and hand him over his money. He did return to the city, but failed to keep his promise and when the Major called at the lawyer's office, he was informed that the Major had died. Cotterill's family's home, over a drug store, in Sixth avenue, near Forty-ninth street, and found that also vacant.

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"It seems so, I am in hopes, however, that Mr. Cotterill will succeed in getting their property out West," he returned.

MR. ROBERTSON LOSES HIS TEMPER.

Mr. Robertson was not as cool as usual this morning, and nearly lost his temper once. This was when the reporter showed him the clipping stating that Mr. Cotterill had been in trouble before, and that religious people had subscribed to send his wife home to England, with money she really used to go to her husband in Canada.

MRS. COTTERILL IS WITH HER HUSBAND.

"All I know of their family relations is that they lived happily in Orange, N.J., since I have known them. Mrs. Cotterill is now with her husband in the West."

"The rumors and stories that are current," continued the Treasurer, excitedly, "are annoying in the extreme. Why, only this morning I received a letter from some fool, who said that seeing I am in trouble about this swindling business, promises to get me out of it for \$200."

I am in no trouble. I am only sorry that I have been connected with the affair. I am entirely innocent of any wrong-doing in the matter, and as soon as possible I will go back to England and tell my friends so.

Another gentleman, who is a story told by an engineer named Babbitt, who says that he was hired to attend our engines in Brooklyn; that he found out something wrong; that he came to me and Mr. Cotterill, and told us of his suspicions, and that he was bought off, given one hundred dollars, two shares of stock and his salary to keep silence.

ROBERTSON DENIES BABBITT'S STORY.

"I never met the man to my knowledge. Assuredly, if he had ever seen me and told me, or breathed a suspicion that all was not right, I would have investigated it at once."

"I was in England at the time he was forewarned fraud. I believe fairly that Mr. Cotterill would have done the same as I would have done."

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"I believe I did."

"When?"

"I don't remember just now."

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COTTERILL'S SON NEVER HEARD OF IT.

Ernest Cotterill, son of President Cotterill, is employed at 115 Broadway. He is a fine-looking man about thirty years old.

AN EVENING WORLD reporter asked him whether it was true that his father had fled with \$40,000 of other people's money in 1876. He assured the reporter that he had never heard of it, and decidedly refused to speak on the sugar question.

KNIFE PLACED SOME OF THE MACHINERY.

Mr. E. Sniffen, the architect and superintendent at the factory in Brooklyn, said that he was employed by the Company to make the necessary alterations in the building. He received a salary of \$30 a week.

"After these alterations had been made," questioned the reporter, "were you retained?"

"Yes."

"Oh, for?"

"Well, to make repairs and to fix up boxes and machinery for the Professor."

"Did you place all the machinery?"

"Yes; all."

"You must have been in the secret rooms?"

"Not exactly."

"Well, I—that is—it was only the elevator machinery that I put in."

"Then you didn't see the secret rooms?"

"No. The Professor wouldn't allow any one in them."

"Did Babbitt tell you that the thing was a fraud and a sham?"

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